GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1185
ANSWERED ON:22.07.2002
OFFICE EXPENSES
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by various departments and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under his ministry during each of the last three years on publicity, advertisement, reception, refreshments, inaugurations, seminars, conferences, tours (including foreign) telephone bill including STD and ISD calls, electricity bills (especially airconditions and coolers bills)and other office expenses, separately under above heads;

(b) whether the Government propose to launch any drive for economy in expenditure under the above heads;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a): A t present there is no department o r Public Sector Undertaking under the administrative control of this Ministry. However, information relating to office expenses incurred by Ministry of Food Processing Industries during the lastthree years is given in Annexure.

(b) &(c): The Ministry launched economy measures to effect strict control on Office Expenses. A 10 percent cut in office expenses has been imposed. Self-regulation to ensure expenditure on only essential items has been initiated. Except where higher tariff or higher price rise has been effected due to market fluctuation, no increase in expenditure is generally allowed.

(d): Does not arise.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1185 for reply on 22nd July, 2002.

(Rupees in lakhs)

Sl .No.	Different Heads	1999-2000	2000- 2001	2001 - 2002	Remarks
1.	Advertisement/ publicity promotion of processed foods.	100.00	4.00	196.00	Expenditure incurred for
2.	Seminars/ Conferences Rs.1.03 lakhs spent on conference of State Nodal Agencies)	39.83	60.02 (includes development activity of Food Processing Industries	41.20	Expenditure involved for
3.	Tours (including foreign	36.03	38.14	47.92	
4.	Telephone bills (including STD and ISD)	12.94	27.14	30.76	

5. Electricity bills (Centrally Air-conditioned Building)	20.81	21.12	24.47
6. Refreshments	2.79	3.24	4.50
7 Other Office Expenses			
a) Purchase/Repair of furniture etc.	5.14	4.01	6.01
b) Staff Cars (Repair/Purchase of Petrol)/Purchase of new car/Hiring of Vehicles.	11.07	19.02	25.55
c) Stationery/Stores Items/Misc.	5.79	19.95	15.16
d) Water charges	3.89	5.13	3.57
e) Purchase and maintenance of office equipments.	25.26	31.47	19.61
f) Library.	1.26	5.92	5.13
g) Maintenance of office building.	11.70	22.06	22.00